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NEW BUS FLEET: Bus drivers and conductors/conductresses pose in front of their new buses before leaving the depot to operate the new bus system.

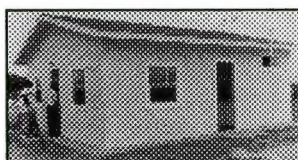
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EDITORIAL

Dear friends:

A hearty and warm welcome to the first issue of the *Jamaica News* for 1999 — the eve of the new millennium — 2000.

As we reflect on 1998, we must realize that despite our human limitations, we can succeed if we work hard and maintain a spirit of hope.

There were many formidable challenges in 1998, however, there is evidence of the collective will of the people and Government to succeed. This has resulted in some bright prospects for the economy. Inflation now stands at 8.8 per cent, the dollar has stabilized, while the Net International Reserves have moved from a negative \$443 million in 1991 to a positive \$616.94 million in 1998. The overall policy of a commitment to achieve macro-economic stability has been substantially achieved.

As Jamaicans, wherever we are, let us resolve this new year to focus on the gains achieved and make every attempt to meet the new phase of growth and stability in every aspect of our lives.

As Prime Minister Patterson said recently, "...we must pull together as one nation, so that we once again prove that we can overcome".

A Prosperous and Happy New Year to you all.

Tek care an' walk good.

CARICOM LINKS

Montserrat's CARICOM Village takes shape

Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister the Hon. Lester Bird and CARICOM Secretary-General, Edwin Carrington toured the CARICOM Village during a one-day visit to the volcano-stricken island to share the spirit of the Christmas season in December 1998.

The CARICOM Village which is situated at Davy Hill in the north of the island, is nearing completion. Of the 25 prefabricated houses being provided by CARICOM with the assistance of Cuba, 15 are about 80 per cent complete.

The northern section of the island has been deemed safe from the emissions of the Lang Soufriere volcano, which erupted in July 1995. The active volcano has claimed more than 20 lives and caused massive destruction of property, including the devastation of the island, Plymouth. The southern and central sectors have been declared unsafe for habitation.

With regard to the CARICOM Village, the Secretary-General said, "The Montserratians are eagerly looking forward to the completion of the Village. Hope has replaced despair and the Community must therefore do everything possible to complete this project. The neat three bedroom units will go a long way towards providing suitable accommodation for those who have chosen to stay on the island."

CARICOM FACTS FOR YOU

Cariforum

The Caribbean Forum of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (CARIFORUM) is a grouping of Caribbean States which are signatories to the LOME IV Convention. Its primary objective is to co-ordinate the allocation and undertake the monitoring of resources out of the European Development Fund (EDF) for the purpose of financing regional projects in the Caribbean Region, within the framework of the LOME IV Convention.

Cariforum has been meeting once a year since 1993.



Boarding the bus — a pleasant experience

Boarding the bus under the new system serving the eastern areas of the Corporate Area has become a pleasant experience.

Gone are the pushing and shoving which characterised the business of commuting, up to the end of last year.

Now commuters are required to form orderly queues to board the spanking new Jamaica Urban Transport Company (JUTC) buses. This is in an effort to facilitate order and discipline which is in keeping with the mandate of the JUTC, the management company in charge of the reform system.

Boarding procedure

The boarding procedure is simple:

- Commuters are only permitted to board through the rear door of the bus;

ticket issuing machine allows only one passenger through at a time;

- Buses will not operate if the doors are open.

The buses in the new service have special seating reserved for physically challenged passengers. Other passengers who occupy these seats will be expected to surrender them, should physically challenged persons require same.

Other provisions

Overcrowding, forbidden by law in public transport, will not be allowed under the new service. It is expected that fine-tuning of schedules will ensure that buses run regularly along the routes.

The new bus system officially started operating on January 2, 1999 in the Eastern part of the Corporate Area. Buses will operate on ten routes in this area between the hours of 5 a.m. and 11 p.m. daily.

NEWS

G-15 Summit

The IX Summit of the Group of Fifteen (G-15) will be held in Jamaica at the Half Moon Hotel Conference Centre at Rose Hall, Montego Bay, from 1999 February 10-12.

The Summit Meeting, the highest decision making body of the G-15, will be attended by Heads of State and Government.

The G-15 comprises 17 Developing Countries from Africa, Asia,

the Caribbean and Latin America, which meet regularly to promote South-South cooperation and North-South dialogue. Its common goal is enhanced growth and prosperity.

Prime Minister P.J. Patterson, who was elected Chairman at the VIII Summit in Cairo, Egypt, will be the host.

As an integral part of the activities a Trade Exposition will also be staged.

The Freedom of Information Act

Prime Minister P.J. Patterson recently tabled drafting instructions to the Chief Parliamentary Counsel for the preparation of the Freedom of Information Act.

The Freedom of Information Act will replace the Official Secrets Act, 1911.

Purpose of the Act

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to confer on all Jamaican citizens and persons permanently resident in Jamaica, a right to disclosure of documents held by Central or Local Government. In addition, these rights will be extended to companies wholly owned by Government which have majority controlling interest as well as private bodies which provide the public with critical services or have a monopoly position.

The Law will permit the disclosure of documents either written or stored in electronic devices and in the first instance, it will allow for the right to obtain documentation not older than seven years. This can later be extended to older documents if necessary.

The person requesting the information will be required to pay an application fee for the disclosure as well as the cost for reproduction. The application fee will serve to offset the cost of the administration of the Act but these costs can be waived or reduced in special circumstances.

Exemptions

Special categories of documents will be made exempt from disclosure. These include information which:

- could prejudice Jamaica's security, defence or international relations;
- has an adverse effect on the ability of the Government to manage the Jamaican economy;
- is communicated in confidence to the Jamaican Government by the Government of another country or international organisations;
- is contained in Cabinet documents;
- relates to law enforcement where disclosure could result in the endangerment of life, personal safety, facilitate escapes from lawful detention, jeopardise the security of correctional facilities or prejudice investigations of the law, investigative methods, or the fair hearing of trials;
- relates to trade secrets of commercial value that could be diminished or destroyed by disclosure;
- concerns the business, commercial, financial or professional affairs of a person or Body;
- outlines Government's deliberative processes;
- concerns legal professional privilege, breach of confi-

dence or contempt to Court or Parliament;

- protects Jamaica's natural and cultural heritage;
- relates to an individual's personal affairs;
- contains a defamatory matter or where the disclosure would be in breach of Copyright.

Although these exemptions will apply, there will be instances in which the public interest would be better served by disclosure.

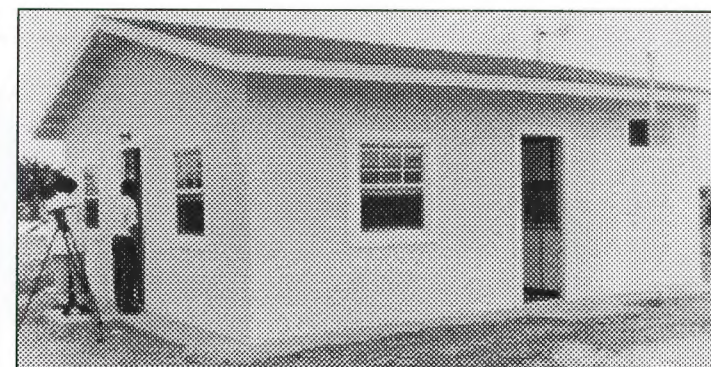
Conditions will also exist whereby legislation will allow the deferral or refusal to disclose a document although it is not exempt from disclosure. Deferment may occur where the release of information is considered premature.

DID YOU KNOW?

That Jamaicans overseas account for 10 per cent of the country's Gross National Product (GNP) and about 15,000 persons and their families have returned since 1992?



HELP LINE!



Information tenants and landlords should know

Increasing Rent

Landlords are allowed to increase rent by 7 1/2 per cent annually, without the permission of the Rent Board. If a landlord wants an increase that is more than 7 1/2 per cent, he/she has to go to the Board.

The Rent Board is very flexible and will consider the increased cost in the rate of property taxes and improvements to the property, among other things.

If there is an unreasonable or illegal increase in rent, the tenant is entitled to a refund.

Settling disputes

Landlords cannot sue for rent until it is 30 days overdue. Suing is done at the Rent Assessment Board. The Board also tries cases for the overcharging of rent or illegal increases. The Order of the Rent Board is the Order of the Court.

If property is damaged, landlords can sue tenants for destruction of property, in which case it will have to be replaced by the tenants.

The Rent Board is reminding the public that the Board facilitates both landlord and tenants. When a complaint is received, whether from a landlord or a tenant, no action is taken until both parties have been consulted and invited to a meeting of the Board. If the matter cannot be resolved, then the court will send them back to the Board.

Tenants, if you are unable to pay your rent, it is your duty to go to your landlord and make the necessary arrangements.

For further information, you may call or visit:

The Rent Assessment Board
64 Duke Street
Kingston, Jamaica
Tel: (876) 967-7165

Office Hours:
Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



His Excellency Sir Howard Cooke

Know your Public Officers

The Governor-General represents the Queen on ceremonial occasions such as the Opening of Parliament, the presentation of Honours and Military Parades.

Under the Constitution, he is given authority to act on matters, e.g. in appointing and disciplining officers of the Civil Service and in proroguing Parliament. In a few cases he is empowered to act on his own discretion.

The Governor-General also exercises the prerogative of mercy on behalf of the Queen. In exercising the prerogative of mercy (including the power to grant pardon to any person who has been sentenced to death), the Governor-General acts on the advice of the Jamaican Privy Council.

Jamaica's Governor-General is His Excellency Sir Howard Cooke, ON, GCMG, GCVO, CD.



Here and There



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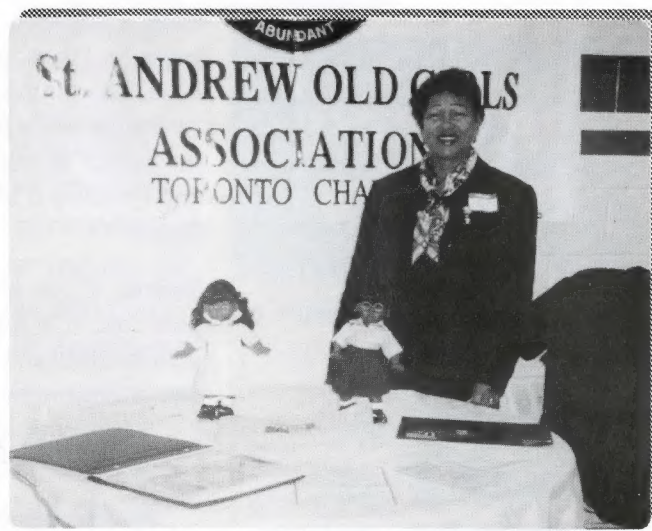
CHRISTMAS PARTY: President of the Jamaican Canadian Association (JCA), Mr Herman Stewart (r) and Francella Moore (l), Chairperson of the Membership Committee, pose with Santa Claus and Mrs Claus, following the successful staging of the organisation's Christmas party.



ALLIANCE'S OPEN HOUSE: Jamaica's Consul General to Toronto, Mr Herman LaMont and President of the Alliance, Mrs Olive Parkins-Smith, are seen viewing one of the many displays mounted by individual schools at the 10th Anniversary Open House and Reception recently held in Toronto.



ALLIANCE'S OPEN HOUSE: Members of the Pike, Bryce and Christiana Past Student's Association, Mr Colin Brown (2nd left), Ms. Jenny Reid (centre) and Mrs Marlene Wright-Grey (2nd right) presents a cheque to members of the Jamaica Canadian Association for its building fund. Looking on is the President of the Alliance of Jamaica Alumni Associations, Mrs Olive Parkins-Smith.



ALLIANCE'S OPEN HOUSE: Jamaica's Trade Commissioner, Mrs Cherita Girvan-Campbell, proudly shows off the display mounted by her alma mater, St Andrew High School for Girls, at the Alliance's Open House.



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CHRISTMAS PARTY: Eight year old Justin Warren is pleased to receive his gift from Santa Claus and Mrs Claus, as their attendants look on.



TOY DRIVE: Women for PACE (Canada) recently held its Annual Toy Drive at the Jamaican Consulate, Toronto. Toys received at the Drive will be shipped to Jamaica for children 3-5 years. Taking part in the event (l-r) Jamaica's Consul General, Herman LaMont; President of Jamaica Alumni Association, Mrs Olive Parkins-Smith and President of Women for PACE, Mrs Norma Hernandez.



BADGE OF HONOUR FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE: Mr Julian Robinson, former Honorary Vice-Consul in Winnipeg, Canada, receives the Badge of Honour for Meritorious Service from Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Hon. Seymour Mullings. This Badge is for his exemplary service to Jamaicans in Winnipeg.

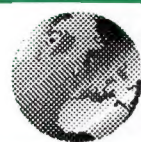


RUSEA'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: At the 10th Anniversary of the Rusea's Old Students' Association (ROSA) held in Toronto, Consul General Herman LaMont (r) cuts an anniversary cake with President of the Association, Mrs Ailene Chen. At left is the MC, a past student of Rusea's and President of the Alliance of Jamaica Alumni Association, Mrs Olive Parkins-Smith.

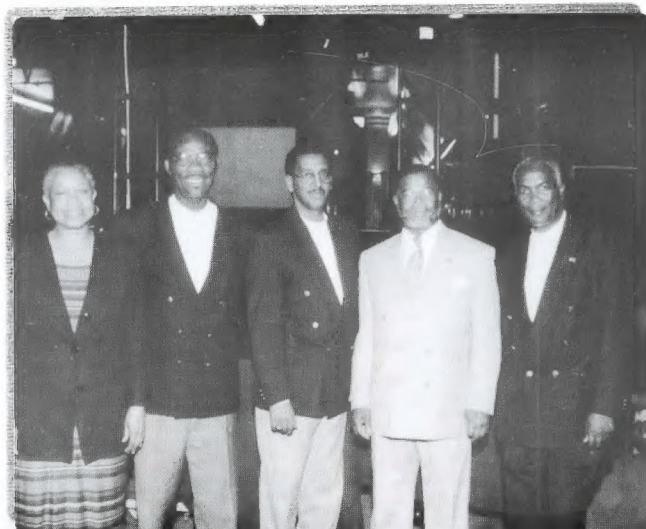




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Raymond Wolfe, Jamaica's High Commissioner to Ottawa, a guest speaker at a Brunch organised by the Central Ontario Region of the National Council of Jamaicans and Supportive Organisations in Canada (NCJSOC) is joined by Consul General, Herman LaMont (2nd right). Others in photo (L-R) Mrs Olive Steele, Senior Vice President; Mr Miah Bailey, President and Mr Dan Williamson, Vice President, Central Ontario Region.



LAUNCH OF THE MEMOIRS OF LADY BUSTAMANTE: Lady Gladys Bustamante (centre) recently launched her book "The Memoirs of Lady Bustamante" at the offices of the Jamaican Consulate in Toronto. She is flanked by (L-R) Mrs Paula de Ronde, Chairperson of Arts and Culture Jamaica; Mr Mike Henry, Chairman of Kingston Publishers and Mr Herman Lamont, Jamaica's Consul General to Toronto.



Consul General Herman Lamont confers with Jamaica's Ambassador of Culture, Hon. Louise Bennett-Coverly at a recent function launching "The Memoirs of Lady Bustamante" held at the offices of the Jamaican Consulate in Toronto.



FUNDRAISING: Mr Uriel Soares, Building Committee Chairperson of the Jamaican Canadian Association displays a sample of the "Buy a Brick" Campaign Slogan for its building fund. Looking on from left; Mr Fred Irving, Public Relations Chairperson; Mr Uriel Soares, Building Committee Chairperson; Ms Haari Abou Korrat, Executive Director of the JCA; Mr Herman Stewart, President of the JCA and Mr Herman Lamont, Jamaica's Consul General to Toronto.



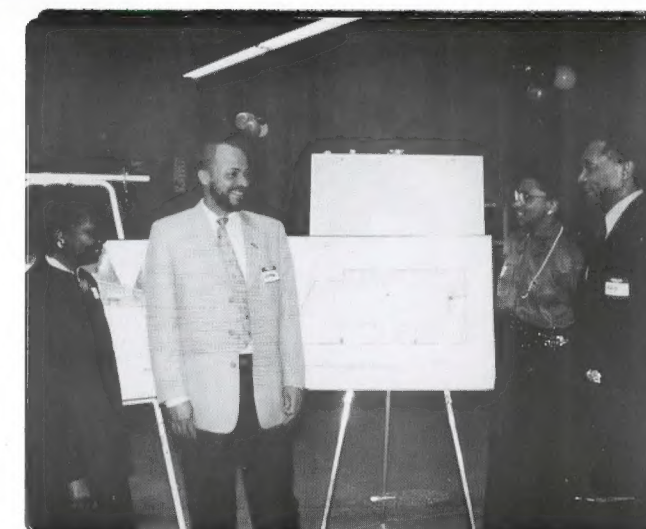
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Mr Phil Campbell makes a presentation to Mrs Sharon Wolfe, wife of High Commissioner Raymond Wolfe, at a function recently held in Toronto to introduce the High Commissioner to the Jamaican Community.

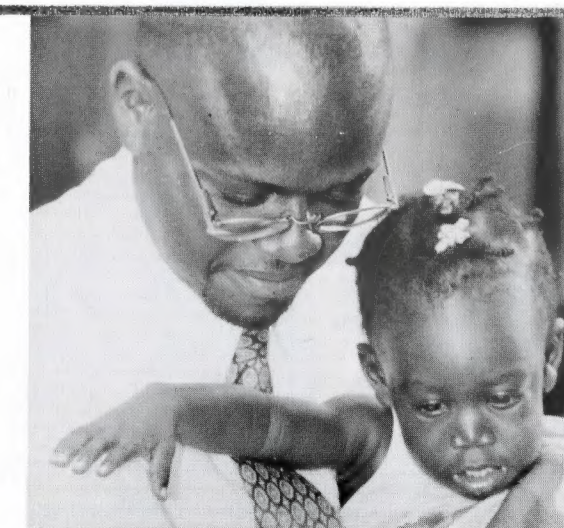


Mr Herman Stewart (2nd left) discusses plans for the new Jamaican Canadian Association Centre with Jamaicans who have made donations to its fund-raising effort. From left are Mrs Leila McKenzie who is sponsoring a room at the Centre; Ms Kamala-Jean Gopie and Mr Ray Southport Data Systems Representatives. Mrs McKenzie and Ms Gopie have each donated \$20,000.



"THIS IS A DREAM COME TRUE," is what President of the Jamaican Canadian Association (JCA), Mr Herman Stewart (left) appears to be saying to Royal Bank Representatives involved in the financing of the renovation for the Association's building. Taking part in this 'appreciation gesture' are Consul General to Toronto, Herman LaMont; Ms Ann Sinclair, Architect; Mr. Don Leeson and representatives of the Royal Bank; Mrs. Pauline Tomlinson, Vice President JCA; Mr Martin Foreskin, Project Manager and Mr Uriel Soares, Building Committee Chairperson.

JAMAICA



Philmore Scott, Public Affairs Officer at the Jamaica Information Service (Jamaica) shares a moment with a child at the Best Care Lodge Children's Home in Kingston, at its recent Annual Christmas Treat hosted by the Agency. This is part of the Agency's ongoing community relations programme.



Here and There



MIAMI



Miss Gloria O'Connor, Deputy Consul General with Nicole Seaton, Miss Jamaica Miami 1997 at the eliminations of the 1998 competition.



Book Fair: Consul-General John Atkins admires the Displays set up by the Jamaica Information Service at the Miami International Book Fair recently held in Miami. The fair is an annual event held by the book Industry Association of Jamaica.



COURTESY CALL: Consul-General John Atkins poses with Carl Craig (L-R) Maria Feito and Tania Valenzuela of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, when the group paid a Courtesy call on him at his offices at the Jamaican Consulate in Miami, to give an update on the activities of the chamber.



Mr Winston Hale, Managing Editor of South Florida News-week and Founder of the Caribbean Chamber of Commerce and Industry holds the Plaque presented to him at a ceremony at which he was honoured for his patriotic support of the US Savings Bond Programme. Consul-General Atkins shares the momentous occasion with Mr Hale.



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MIAMI



Consul-General John Atkins, with retiring Head of Protocol at Miami International Airport, Monique Denis. The occasion was a retirement party held at the Airport for Mrs Denis.



Information Officer, Pat Montague, speaking with students at the Miami Jackson Senior High School, at a special presentation on Jamaica.

WASHINGTON



Dr. George Alleyne (centre) Director of the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO), addresses the Floor at a ceremony honouring Sir Alister McIntyre, Chief Technical Advisor with the CARICOM Regional Negotiating Machinery (RNM). From l-r: Dr Enrique Iglesias, President of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB); Ms Yasmin Anderson, President of the Washington Chapter of the University of the West Indies; Ambassador Richard Bernal and Sir Alister McIntyre.



Tit Bits

Education

Nettleford gets Oxford's highest Honour

Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies, Professor Rex Nettleford, has been elected to the Honorary Fellowship by the Governing Body of Oriel College, Oxford University, United Kingdom.

An Honorary Fellowship is the highest Honour Oxford College can confer upon one of its former scholars. Prof. Nettleford attended the College as a Rhodes Scholar in the late 1950s.

21 Year-Old Teacher is 1999 Rhodes Scholar

Twenty-one year old Nadia Ellis, an English Language and Literature teacher at Wolmer's Boys' School in Kingston, is the recipient of the 1999 Rhodes Scholarship.

Miss Ellis, a graduate of the University of the West Indies with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Language, was chosen out of a group of nine applicants.

Finance

Jamaican at Toronto University

Jamaican-born banker, Mary Anne Chambers, has been appointed Vice-Chair of the University of Toronto (UT) Governing Council.

Ms. Chambers, a Vice-President of the Corporate and Commercial services at Scotiabank, graduated from the University in

1988 and has been a member of the Governing Council for the past five years.

The University is Canada's leading research-intensive institution of higher learning. Each year it awards more than 10,000 degrees.

Government on right track

Leading US Investment House, Bear Stearns, a major Wall Street player, has given the Government's Economic Policy the strongest support yet. The Investment Banking and Securities Trader recently said, "the Bank of Jamaica and the Government, in our opinion,

are making large strides in building credibility by adhering to a consistent Economic Policy".

Bear Stearns said it saw positive evidence on several fronts that economic growth would have occurred in 1998 if it were not for external shocks, such as drought.

Culture

High Commissioner introduced to J'can Community



His Excellency Raymond Wolfe

Speaking to the Jamaican-Canadians at the Toronto Colony Hotel, Jamaica's High Commissioner to Canada, His Excellency Raymond Wolfe who assumed duties August 4, 1998, advised that during his tour of duty he hopes to use sports and entertainment to build relations with Canada in a more tangible way.

He stressed that for many years Jamaicans have been creating music without much value. What we need to do is link with some of the major producers overseas who can assist us in creating the product locally, rather than tapes leaving Jamaica, manufactured into CDs and then re-exported to Jamaica.

The High Commissioner in acknowledging "the fantastic work" Jamaicans have done in the field of music overseas gave an assurance that he would work assiduously to sustain and develop Jamaica in this area.

TO: READERS

SUBJECT: JAMAICA NEWS NEWSLETTER

Based on the many positive responses we have had over the years, we know that you enjoy reading the JAMAICA NEWS NEWSLETTER.

Regrettably, financial constraints now impact on the production of this publication and we are faced with the possibility of a cessation of the newsletter.

As a consequence, it has become necessary for us to conduct a survey among our readers to determine your level of support and whether or not you would be prepared to assist with defraying the cost for production of this publication by taking out a subscription as follows:

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Please send your response by mail on the attached form to one of the offices as listed at the back of the Newsletter.

Thank you for your interest in the JAMAICA NEWS. We are glad to be able to provide this service and are anxious to continue.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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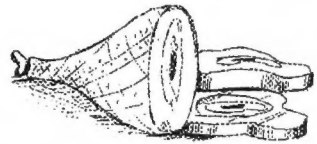
Payments should be made to the Jamaica Information Service

Recipe Corner

Here is a recipe we know you will enjoy

Jerk Pork

5 lbs pork



Seasoning

- 1 onion
- 1 cup escallion
- 5 cloves garlic
- 2 tsp. fresh thyme
- 1 scotch bonnet pepper with out the seeds

Jerk Marinade

- 5 tsp. salt
- 5 tsp. sugar
- 2 tsp. ground pimento
- 1/4 tsp. ground mace
- 1 tsp. black pepper

Method

1. Rub seasoning on pork. Leave for 1/2 an hour.
2. Rub in jerk marinade and leave to marinate for at least 5 hours (overnight is better).
3. Prepare grill and barbecue pork until cooked, or put in hot oven 400°F for about 20 minutes. Lower oven temperature to 275°F and allow to cook slowly until done.
4. Chop into small pieces when ready to serve.

Cook's tip

Allow a teaspoon of salt to a lb of pork (use 5 teaspoons salt to 5lbs of pork — a lot of salt is used, both for taste and as a preservative.) Remember 'the juice should run clear, but it should still be there'.

From: The Real Taste of Jamaica
By Enid Donaldson-Mignotte

Feedback

In response to Newsletter dated September 1998

Barbara M. Simpson

I am writing you this short missive to let you know that the recent issues have been more informative and easy to read. I like reading about the meanings of places with strange names, the proverbs, the meaning of 'old wives' tales and I am looking forward to reading the continuation of Mrs. Bea Veitch-Clennon's article on "Old Jamaica..." I do hope a recipe will be published in each issue.

Congratulations to the JIS and to all the far-sighted columnists who are responsible for putting this little gold mine together!!!

C. Braxton Moncure, Washington

I received in the mail the Jamaica News dated September 1998. It seems unfortunate that its date suggests a certain "old news" quality and reinforces a stereotype that Jamaica belongs to a "mañana culture". Much of the issue seems to have been written for and about Cuba. Everything that is said could pass for having been written in Havana. Nothing has been included which is the least bit balanced or analytical or suggests the sad state of things I observed during my several recent trips to Cuba.

The "Here and There USA" section seems to be a New Yorker cartoon not of seeing the USA, but really New York City. Dr Basil Bryan appears in seven of the eight photos. There is no mention of the Independence celebration in Washington with Minister Phillips. If this is really a nationwide world-view publication, somebody needs to take things in hand, do some major editing and include some insightful commentary, not just somebody else's press release.

RIDDLES & GIGGLES

Riddle me dis, riddle me dat guess me dis riddle and p'raps not.

- My mother has a house full of black-headed children
- One dumpling serves the whole world
- Who was the fastest runner in the entire human race?

See next issue for the answers



Folklore

A peek at some of our Jamaican folk customs and beliefs

Do not plant a papaya (paw paw) tree in your yard.

It is believed that the tree draws the richness from the soil and the strength from the household.

If your knee itches, you will change your bed and if your elbow itches, you will shake someone's hand.

Good trees to plant near the house are the mango, avocado and ackee trees.

Monday is considered an unlucky day on which to be married, for the couple will quarrel until they are separated.

When it rains at a funeral it means the dead is crying.

When it rains at a wedding it is a sign of bad luck especially if it wets the bride.



INTERESTING PLACE NAMES

BANNISTER BAY in St. Elizabeth was named after Major-General Thomas Bannister, who in March 1675, brought Dutch nationals from Surinam to settle on 2,940 acres granted to them by the English Government of the day.

WHITE MARL, off the Spanish Town Highway in St. Catherine, an area of approximately six acres, was presented to the Jamaica National Trust Commission by Mr. C. B. Hamilton in 1960. There is presently an archaeological site and museum of Arawak history in White Marl, which was opened to the public on June 30, 1966.

WAI RUA is in the St. Andrew Hills, above Gordon Town. This name means "place by the river" and aptly describes its location near the Gordon Town River. The name originated in New Zealand.

WAGWATER in St. Mary, is derived from the word "GUAYUATA", a name given to Annotto Bay by the Arawaks, Jamaica's first inhabitants.

Dictionary of Place Names: By Inez Knibb-Sibbly

Important Dates to Remember

February 1999

Black History Month

17
Ash Wednesday

THINK ON THESE THINGS



I now stand stripped clean of rancour or remembrance of hurt in the past, and offer to one and all to go forward for a better Jamaica.

Rt Excellent Norman Manley



There are three kinds of people in the world: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen and those who wondered what happened.

Iyanla Vazant From Acts of Faith



WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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ANSWER TO LAST MONTH RIDDLES

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2. Pumpkin

3. Santa Claus

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